

GOSSIP OF THE AUTOS

Briarcliff Race a Stimulus to the Spring Trade.

SALE OF CARS INCREASED

Many Manufacturers Have Signified Their Intention of Entering the Vanderbilt Cup Race, Now that It Is Assured—Course as Yet Undecided, but Savannah Seems Likely.

The satisfactory outcome of the Briarcliff race, with eighteen cars out of twenty-two running at the finish, has done a great deal to open up the spring markets. Sales of cars in all the Eastern territory are reported to have increased since the race and inquiries are numerous.

Recent announcement of special time trials at a mile and a kilometer on Long Island on June 5, probably under the auspices of the Long Island Club, have given a stimulus to racing in and about New York. Other track meets and hill climbs are scheduled for early dates. There are also rumors of twenty-four-hour races to be held in the near future.

No settlement of the Vanderbilt race question has yet been arrived at. Harvey Granger and A. W. Solomon, both of Savannah Club, have been in New York in conference with W. K. Vanderbilt and the A. A. A. officials, but the outcome of the deliberations has not yet been announced. That there will be a decision within a week as to the location of the race seems probable. It is said that entries of two Isotta, two Apperson, two Thomas cars, and one Acme are already assured.

The certainty that there will be a Vanderbilt cup race this fall has interested a number of American manufacturers sufficiently to bring forth assurance of entries. How freely foreign racing cars will be entered is somewhat a matter of conjecture, but at least ten American cars are assured, it is reported.

Among the concerns which will surely enter is the Acme Motor Car Company, of Reading, Pa., which announces that it will be represented by at least one car. H. M. Sternbergh, president, is authority for the statement that negotiations have been opened with Louis Strang to pilot the Acme car in the Vanderbilt race. It is not known whether the car to be entered is to be a stock sextuplet or whether a special car will be built to carry the colors of the Pennsylvania factory. But that an Acme will be seen in the Vanderbilt is settled.

Maja's Good Showing.

"The performance of the Maja car, driven by Murphy, in the Briarcliff race," said E. B. Gallaher, manager of the American branch of the Maja Company, Limited, "seems to have taken the whole of Westchester County by storm. In spite of the fact that the collapse of a wheel in the fourth round put Murphy out of the running, I find that the work of the little car—smallest in point of horse-power in the race—attracted universal attention and came in for a great deal of admiration.

"In White Plains, Yonkers, Portchester, and other points in the county I find a well-defined belief that the car would have either won the race or been among the leaders had it not been for the unfortunate accident, which was due to carelessness in the preparing of the wheels for the removable rims, and not to any structural trouble with the car. I do not think that the race, even with the outcome for us which it brought, has been anything but a blessing for us. I received a number of inquiries during the week and shall place a number of Maja cars with Westchester enthusiasts. Next time we shall hope for better luck."

Edward A. Cassidy, secretary of the Motor Car Racing Association of Baltimore and manager of the Decoration Day races at Pimlico Park, near that city, was a visitor to New York during the Briarcliff race. Besides being an official of the race, Mr. Cassidy took occasion to confer with a number of manufacturers and their representatives regarding entries for the sprint and longer events at Baltimore. Mr. Cassidy said after the race that he had had assurance from a number of manufacturers and agents of entries for the 100-mile event. He had every reason to believe that it would have about fifteen starters, including Stearns, Isotta, Acme, and Thomas cars. The five and ten mile sprint races are also filling rapidly from the ranks of the local dealers. Mr. Cassidy believes the meet will be the most notable ever held in that part of the country.

The marketing of the Acme product in the States of the Southern seaboard will be greatly facilitated in the near future by the organization of a new selling company at Savannah which will cover the States of Georgia and Florida and por-

tions of South Carolina. It will be known as the Acme Motor Car Company of Georgia, and its manager will be John E. Finney, of Savannah, who has been for several years a successful operator in the retail field at that point.

Will Make Shawmut Car.

C. H. Tangeman, of the Hol-Tan Company, left on Thursday for Stoneham, Mass., to inspect the factory where the new product of the company will be built. The car which has always been known as the Shawmut will, as handled by the Hol-Tan Company, be called the Hol-Tan. It will differ only in name from the established product of the company, and will be constructed, as heretofore, largely from imported Krupp chrome-nickel steel.

Mr. Tangeman states that an order was placed the afternoon of the Briarcliff race with the Shawmut Motor Company for a number of cars, and work has already been begun on these. This order will be followed by a larger one at an early date. It is in connection with these orders that Mr. Tangeman has made his trip to Stoneham, where he will remain for several days studying the work of the factory and the car. W. M. Hilliard, who drove the Hol-Tan entry in the Briarcliff, has returned to Boston, where he is regularly employed. It is understood that Hilliard's services have been retained to handle the Hol-Tan cars in all the events in which the Hol-Tan Company expects to participate.

Following the recent decision which established the validity of the patent under which the "Shocsorber" is made, the Acme Spring Check Company, its maker, has been reorganized, with a large increase of capital. Application for the incorporation of the new company, with a capital stock of \$250,000, has been filed. The company will have its headquarters in New York City, but will manufacture the "Shocsorber" in a Connecticut city. The immense success of the experimental work done to date in testing this single-acting spring check device and the large demand registered lead the officers of the company to believe that the market will be large and the field wide for the device. They are therefore making preparations to manufacture the "Shocsorber" on a large scale, and will have "Shocsorber" on a number of cars in the Glidden tour and in track and road races in the near future.

NO PENN-CORNELL MEET.

Quaker and Ithacan Track Teams Will Not Compete This Spring.

Philadelphia, May 2.—There will be no dual track and field meet this year between the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell. This decision was announced last night by the Quaker track committee. The meet had originally been set for May 9, the same day as the Princeton baseball game. It would probably have been held but for the fact that Cornell demanded a guarantee that Pennsylvania considered too high.

After a series of negotiations the Ithacans agreed to cut their demand in two, but when they had arrived at this conclusion it was too late for the Pennsylvania team to get in condition for the meet and it was called off. Now Pennsylvania will have no dual meet this year and will have no tryouts until the intercollegiate championships.

EASTERN HIGH SCHOOL TEAM.



Standing—Mr. Foley (coach), Whitely, Hutchinson, Wallis (manager), Martin, Leland, Evans. Kneeling—Defendorf, Vanderlip, Smith, Parker. Sitting—Vaino, McGiffin, Bradley, Dean.

NAVY MARKSMEN IN TRIM.

Camp Perry Winners Get High Score Over Maryland Guardsmen.

Annapolis, Md., May 2.—The midshipmen's rifle team, winner of the national competitions at Camp Perry, Ohio, last year, to-day demonstrated their superiority at rifle shooting by defeating the team of the Maryland National Guard in a dual contest by 169 points.

The shooting was at ranges of 200, 300, and 600 yards, slow fire, and 200 and 300 yards, rapid fire, and the midshipmen excelled their opponents at all ranges. They made the remarkably high score of 495 of a possible 500, at the 200-yard slow-fire range. The Guardsmen's highest score, 470, was at that range.

High individual score was captured by Midshipman A. D. Denney, with 207 out of a possible 250. The team totals follow:

Navy, slow fire, 200 yards, 495; 300 yards, 475; 600 yards, 458; rapid fire, 200 yards, 437; 300 yards, 470. Total, 2,335.
Maryland Guardsmen, slow fire, 200 yards, 470; 300 yards, 460; 600 yards, 418; rapid fire, 200 yards, 383; 300 yards, 445. Total, 2,176.

AUSTRALIA LOSES ATHLETE.

Cecil Healy, Star Swimmer, Cannot Attend Olympic Games.

Australian newspapers are bemoaning the fact that Cecil Healy, the crack all-around swimmer of New South Wales, will be unable to compete in the Olympic championships in England next summer. Healy has business engagements which he does not feel he can afford to break, and the association's request that he would become a member of the Australian team, was met with the champion's regrets.

His absence will weaken the Antipodean contingent considerably in the sprints, but will hardly make any material difference in the final outcome, for there is hardly a possibility of his beating Daniels or Halmay, at 100 yards, and it is a question whether he would even take third. As for the other events, Australia has better men.

FOOTBALL BEST DEVELOPER.

Yale's Gridiron Warriors in Physique Excel Other Athletes.

Frank J. Born, medical examiner at the Yale gymnasium, has prepared for the Yale alumni weekly a study of the physique of the crew, football, and track teams, with comparative measurements. Among his conclusions are these:

The crew man is taller than other athletes, but smaller in measurements than the football player; the track athlete is smaller than the football player and oarsman, but larger in each measurement than the average student. The lung capacity of the average student is 240 cubic inches. The excess over this of the athletes is: Crew, 86 cubic inches; football teams, 75, and track team, 50. Dr. Born says that more normally healthy students at Yale should indulge in athletics than is the case at present.

Still Another Michigan Coach.

Ann Arbor, Mich., May 2.—Frank Longman, familiarly known as "Shorty" Longman, the famous Michigan full back, will coach the Wooster (Ohio) College team next fall. He is now practicing law in Ann Arbor.

BACHELORS' CLUB THE WINNER

Takes Eight Out of Nine Sets from Le Droit Tennis Team.

Matches Played to Aid Committee in Selecting Players to Represent District in Intercity Contests.

Notwithstanding the rain which fell before the beginning of the first interclub match between the Bachelors' Lawn Tennis Club and the Le Droit Tennis Club yesterday afternoon on the Bachelor courts, the playing was good, being fast and in several instances close.

These matches are held between the several tennis clubs in the District for the purpose of allowing the committee, composed of Dr. Glazebrook, Chevy Chase; G. Lincoln, Bachelor, and C. B. Doyle, Le Droit, to select a team to represent Washington in the intercity matches, the first of which will be held on the Chevy Chase courts on May 23, between Washington and Philadelphia.

The Bachelor Lawn Tennis Club took the honors of the day, winning eight of the nine games played, C. B. Doyle, of the Le Droit, being the only one to win his set. The other Le Droit players playing well were H. M. Wells and C. H. Claudy in the singles, and Leech and Proctor and the two Doyles in the doubles.

For the Bachelors, Glazebrook and Ballenger and Hills and Deis played the best in the doubles, and Cake, Kelly, and Lincoln in the singles. Scores:

The Le Droit players are named first: C. B. Doyle vs. J. H. Deis, won by Deis, 6-3, 6-1; C. H. Claudy vs. P. B. Cake, won by Cake, 6-1, 6-1; L. I. Doyle vs. R. Hills, won by Hills, 6-4, 6-4; E. O. Leech vs. J. H. Ballenger, won by Ballenger, 6-3, 6-3; H. M. Wells vs. G. Keely, won by Keely, 6-6, 6-1, 7-5; A. Y. Leech vs. G. Lincoln, won by Lincoln, 6-3, 6-4, 6-3. Doubles: Doyle and Deis vs. Hills and Deis, won by Hills and Deis, 6-4, 6-4; Leech and Proctor vs. Lincoln and Carlisle, won by Lincoln and Carlisle, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; Claudy and Wells vs. Glazebrook and Ballenger, won by Glazebrook and Ballenger, 6-1, 6-0.

CORNELL SHORTENS SCHEDULE.

Ithacans Will Only Play Nine Football Games Next Fall.

Ithaca, May 2.—The Cornell football schedule for this fall shows that Cornell has followed the policy of Harvard and will play a shorter number of games this year than ever before. Only nine games are scheduled for the season. Formerly the schedule consisted of about twelve games. No Wednesday games will be played.

Chicago will take the place of Princeton on the schedule and the game will be played at Chicago. The usual Thanksgiving Day contest will be played with Pennsylvania at Philadelphia. The schedule:

October 3, Amherst at Ithaca; October 10, Oberlin at Ithaca; October 17, Colgate at Ithaca; October 24, Vermont at Ithaca; October 31, Penn State at Ithaca; November 7, Amherst at Ithaca; November 14, Chicago at Chicago; November 21, Trinity at Ithaca; November 26, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.